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SUBJECT: UNIFIL: AIRLIFT OF NEPALESE TROOPS

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1. RE BEIRUT'S QUERY REGARDING SIILASVUO'S VIEWS ON TRAFFIC INTO RAYAK, SIILASVO CONTINUES TO SEE POSITIVE BENEFITS TO UNIFIL EVEN FROM SYMBOLIC STANDPOINT OF HAVING SOME UNIFIL FORCES LANDING IN LEBANON. HE QUESTIONS WHETHER GOL WOULD BE ABLE TO GET THEMSELVES TOGETHER IN TIME TO JOIN NEPALESE FOR TRIP SOUTH BUT BELIEVES THERE WOULD BE VALUE IF EVEN SOME LEBANESE COULD JOIN AND IF EVEN SOME NEPALESE COULD COME THIS WAY.

2. FROM LOGISTICAL STANDPOINT, HE IS CONCERNED THAT NEPALESE TROOPS, IF LANDED AT RAYAK, WOULD NEED TRANSPORTATION TO MOVE SOUTH. MARRYING UP TROOPS AT RAYAK WITH EQUIPMENT LANDED AT BEN GURION WOULD PRESENT SERIOUS DIFFICULTIES. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. IN ANY EVENT, HE BELIEVES THAT LEBANESE SHOULD HAVE FINAL SAY IN CASE BOUTROS HAS CHANGED HIS VIEWS FROM THEIR CONVERSATION ON PARIL 4. AS SIILASVUO PUT IT IF RAYAK IS NOT USED, "I DONT'T WANT BOUTROS TO TELL ME LATER THAT IF ONLY UNIFIL HAD COME INTO RAYAK WE WOULD HAVE JOINTED THEM AND GONE SOUTH."

4. COMMENT: IN BRIEF SIILASVUO THINKS NEPALESE LANDING IN RAYAK IS GOOD IDEA IF GOL WANTS TO DO IT AND LOGISTICS CAN BE WORKED OUT.

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